

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2125

April 1, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires nursing homes to maintain a minimum direct-care staffing-to-patient ratio based on the midnight census for the day on which a shift begins. Changes references of "nurse assistant" to "nurse aide" within Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 68-11-803 and 68-11-804.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Department of Health nursing home surveyors will ensure that nursing homes are meeting the required staffing-to-patient ratio during regular inspections. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will make necessary rule changes during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had a negative closing balance of \$440,300 in FY06-07 and a negative closing balance of \$217,700 in FY07-08.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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